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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Henderson County Hosts Fall Pumpkin Compost Event and Food Collection Drive at Jackson Park

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**Hendersonville, NC - Monday, November 2, 2015**

Not sure what to do with your carved jack-o-lanterns, spotted squash or those cornstalks adorning your mailbox? Don't let them go to waste! Compost them instead!

Henderson County Solid Waste, Environmental Programs and Parks & Recreation Departments are sponsoring a fall pumpkin compost collection event at Jackson Park on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A food collection drive to benefit MANNA FoodBank will take place simultaneously. MANNA FoodBank will distribute the collected food to Henderson County food pantries at a later date.

The collected compost will be taken to Danny's Dumpster processing facility in Asheville, where it will be mixed with other organic materials, like food scraps, soiled paper, and wood waste that will eventually become saleable gardening material.

This collection event is for Henderson County residents ONLY. No household trash or recycling will be accepted during this event. Only organic materials are acceptable, including painted pumpkins. Please remove any candles used inside the jack-o-lanterns. Please also remove any wires, ropes or ribbons.

Donations are encouraged for the MANNA FoodBank that include items such as dried/canned beans, peanut butter (no glass jars), canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits, fruit/vegetable juices (100% juice preferred), cereals and grains (bag or box), canned vegetables, and meals in a box or can (stews, chili, mac-n-cheese).

For additional information on this and other recycling programs, visit [hcrecycles.org](http://hcrecycles.org) or call Environmental Programs at (828) 694-6524.

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